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TO: All WIA Subrecipients
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SUBJECT: Idaho Youth Corps - Matching Monies for Summer 2011

At its November meeting the Workforce Development Council set aside \$250,000 to support Idaho Youth Corps which is IDOL's WIA summer youth employment program. These funds require matching resources from federal, state, local government or from private partners to support work experience wages. For the past two years central office staff has been involved in fostering these types of arrangements with a handful of partners across the state. For 2011 we are encouraging local offices to assist in the development of these matching funded work projects. Note, these funds are not being allocated by region. Instead, funds will be set aside as each project is established.

During the last two summers, local offices had Stimulus (ARRA) funds support summer youth work experiences and participants could be exited from without further WIA services; these individuals did not "count" in ongoing youth performance measures. Since Stimulus (ARRA) funds are no longer available, summer work experience cannot be a stand-alone activity and participants will count in ongoing youth performance measures. Local offices may determine that summer work experience is appropriate for current youth participants, or may enroll new youth in a summer work experience who will continue in WIA beyond the work experience training.

Since summer youth participants will continue in WIA, the \$250,000 will support youth wages only and staff time will be charged to WIA.

Please refer to the Work Experience TAG for complete guidelines regarding worksite eligibility as well as contract forms and guidelines for the worksite. In addition to these guidelines, each worksite sponsor must provide a 1:1 cash match to support the work experience wage portion of the training. A financial agreement will need to be developed between the worksite sponsor and IDOL.

Central office staff will assist in the development of these financial agreements. Identification of potential worksite partners must be completed during February through March, with agreements finalized in April to ensure establishment of worksites prior to the end of the school year. If your local office is interested in pursuing these opportunities, or would like central office staff to contact a potential worksite to discuss the Youth Corps program, please contact Ben Phillips at the central office. As potential projects are identified please contact Ben to complete the financial agreement. He is tracking financial obligations and will be updating the field as additional projects are established until the \$250,000 is fully obligated.

Correspondence regarding these opportunities has been prepared and will be sent to public entities throughout the state, such as Idaho Association of Cities etc, State agencies, etc.